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## Penniman

**J**AMES LANMAN PENNIMAN, deceased, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; *b.* 9th July, 1832, in Cincinnati, Ohio, *d.* 2d August, 1890, in Philadelphia; Graduated from Yale, A.B., 1853; A.M., 1855; *m.* 17th August, 1859, Maria Davis HOSMER, *b.* 1st February, 1830, in Concord, Massachusetts, *d.* 15th January, 1914, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dau. of Abel and Olive Parlin (DAVIS) HOSMER of Concord, Massachusetts.



## ISSUE

- I. James Hosmer, *b.* 8th November, 1860, at Alexandria, Virginia; unmarried; A.B., Yale, 1884; Litt.D. (Honorary) Franklin and Marshall College, 1914; taught in the De Lancey School, Philadelphia, 1886-1912; author of "Common Words Difficult to Spell," "The School Poetry Book," "Prose Dictation Exercises," "Practical Suggestions in School Government," "New Practical Speller," "Books and How to make the Most of Them," "George Washington as Commander in Chief," "George Washington as Man of Letters," also various papers in *The Forum*, *The School Journal*, *The Journal of Education*, etc. A notable contribution of Dr. PENNIMAN to the cause of education is the "Maria Hosmer Penniman Memorial Library of Education" established by him in 1915 at the University of Pennsylvania, as a tribute to his mother. This library now numbers over ten thousand volumes, many of which are of the greatest rarity. To it the founder is making considerable additions from time to time, the gathering of volumes from all parts of the world, constituting an important part of his labor of filial love. He is a member of the following Societies: Societe de Sport de l'Ile de Puteaux, Paris; National Geographical Society; Philadelphia Geographical Society; Fellow of the American Geographical Society; life-member of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania; life member of the Society of the Sons of the Revolution; The Yale Club of New York.
- II. Josiah Harmar, *b.* 20th July, 1868, Concord, Massachusetts; unmarried; A.B., 1890; Ph.D., 1895, University of Pennsylvania; LL.D., University of Alabama, 1906; Washington College, Maryland, 1907; taught in the De Lancey School, Philadelphia, 1890-1892; Instructor, Assistant Professor, English, University of Pennsylvania, 1892-1905; Professor of English Literature University of Pennsylvania, 1905; Dean of the College, 1897-1909; Vice Provost, 1911-to date. Author of "The War of the Theatres," "A Book about the Bible" and many articles on literary and educational topics. Editor of Jonson's "Poetaster" and

Dekker's "Satiromastix" Belles Lettres Series. Member of The American Philosophical Society; The Modern Language Association of America (life); The American Dialect Society; The English Association (Great Britain); Sons of the Revolution (life); Society of Colonial Wars (life); American Association for the Advancement of Science (life); National Institute of Social Sciences; Clubs: Contemporary Club, Franklin Inn, University.

Dr. James Hosmer PENNIMAN and his brother come of a long line of distinguished ancestors among whom on the maternal side are to be found the names of the Rev. Peter BULKELEY, the learned first minister of the Concord settlement, whose book "The Gospel Covenant" printed in London in 1649 and again in 1651 (second edition) was one of the earliest written in America; Dr. Jonathan PRESCOTT, who *m.* Peter BULKELEY's gd. dau., and their son, Col. Charles PRESCOTT, who distinguished themselves in the service of the Colonies, and Col. Charles PRESCOTT in the Revolution as well.

The HOSMERS, who came to America in 1635 in the ship *Elizabeth*, and settled in Concord, were among the first defenders of American Liberty and were numerously represented in the Revolution, as they had been in the Colonial Wars. Capt. Isaac DAVIS, Abner HOSMER and James HAYWARD who fell, and Joseph HOSMER who was Adjutant, at the Concord fight, 19th April, 1775, were all near kinsmen of Dr. PENNIMAN's mother. (See Memorial of Rev. G. W. HOSMER and PRESCOTT Memorial, also Concord and Acton Town Records.)

On the PENNIMAN side are found the names of Col. Benjamin CHURCH, Col. Charles CHURCH, Col. John CHANDLER, Capt. Samuel CHANDLER of Colonial Wars and Revolution; of Judge Charles Church CHANDLER, who at his death 8th August, 1787, was a member of the Continental Congress. A contemporary notice of him says:

"He was an eminent practitioner of the Law. He sustained several important public characters with great reputation and ability; as Judge of Probates, Representative of the Town in the General Assembly, and has been elected a Member of Congress. As a man of genius he was universally known and respected, as a man of philanthropy and goodness, he was universally beloved. He needs not the soft hand of flattery to portray his virtues. His best and most honourable epitaph is engraven in the memory of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance."

Judge CHANDLER's wife was Marian GRISWOLD, dau. of Matthew GRISWOLD, and gd. dau. of Roger WOLCOTT, both Colonial Governors of Connecticut. Judge James LANMAN was Dr. PENNIMAN's gr. gd. father, who *m.* Judge CHANDLER's dau. Marian. Judge LANMAN was Senator from Connecticut, 1819-1825, and was also a member of the Convention that formed the first Constitution of the State. He was a member of the Legislature and a Judge of the Superior Court, greatly beloved and respected for his character and for his distinguished public services to State and Nation (see CHANDLER Family, BACKUS Family, Records of Connecticut, and of Rhode Island).

## Lineage

JAMES PENNIMAN, the emigrant ancestor of the PENNIMAN family in America, was one of the settlers of the town of Braintree, Massachusetts, having gone there from Boston where he at first lived. He came over in the ship *Lion* in 1631 with his wife Lydia ELIOT (sister of John ELIOT, the Apostle to the Indians), and having as fellow passengers, John WINTHROP, Jr. (son of the Governor of Massachusetts Bay, and himself first Governor of Connecticut), John ELIOT and his brother Jacob ELIOT. The ELIOTS came from Naseing, Essex, while the seat of the PENNIMAN family was probably in Yorkshire, where the English PENNYMAN family still live at Marske, in Ormesby Hall (see PENNYMAN Records). The connection between the English and the American families has never been satisfactorily established. The statement sometimes made that James, the emigrant was a brother of Sir William PENNYMAN, the distinguished Royalist is not substantiated by any known record, though it is not impossible that it may be true. As James was a Puritan it has been suggested that his Royalist relations kept no record of him or that the records were destroyed. (For James, the Emigrant, see Town Records of Braintree, Massachusetts. For Lydia, his wife, see Town Records of Medfield, Massachusetts where her second marriage as widow of James, is mentioned and she is stated to have been the sister of John ELIOT, the Apostle. For Penniman see the PENNYMAN Records, York 1904, Appendix N, American Pennimans.)

## THE PENNIMAN FAMILY OF BRAINTREE

JAMES PENNIMAN, *b.* in England, came in the *Lion*, 1631, with John WINTHROP, Jr.; admitted as Freeman 6th March, 1631-1632; of Boston at first; of Braintree, 1639; wife, Lydia ELIOT; he *d.* 26th December, 1664. Lydia *m.* (secondly) 7th December, 1665, Thomas WRIGHT, of Medfield (Medfield Records). James PENNIMAN's will is dated 18th December, 1664; proved 31st January, 1664-1665; recorded Suff. Prob., 1:443. Mentions his oldest son James, son Joseph, youngest son Samuel. He says, "God hath blessed me with many children." His son James "had been educated into such a way of living, as he is having already had a portion." Most of the children, he says, were young. Inventory, 31st January, 1664-1665, including dwelling house, £45; barn and stable, old house and orchard, £70; thirty acres of land near the Mill-Pond, £70; fifteen acres near Knight's Neck, (Quincy), £30; eighteen acres "nigh Weymouth fiery," £55, etc. Total, £505, 3s. Sworn to in court by Lydia PENNIMAN, widow of James. (Suff. Prob., 4:207.)

## ISSUE

- I. James, *bapt.* 26th March, 1633; *m.* 10th May, 1659, Mary CROSS.
- II. Lydia, *bapt.* 22d February, 1634-1635.
- III. John, *bapt.* 15th January, 1636-1637; *m.* 24th February, 1664-1665, Hannah BILLINGS.
- IV. Joseph, *b.* 1st August, 1639; *m.* (firstly) Waiting ROBINSON; *m.* (secondly) widow Sarah (BASS) STONE.

- v. Sarai (Sarah), *b.* 6th May, 1641.
- vi. SAMUEL, *b.* 14th November, 1645; of whom later.
- vii. Hannah, *b.* 26th May, 1648.
- viii. Abigail, *b.* 27th December, 1651; *m.* 18th April, 1678, Samuel NEALE, son of Henry NEALE.
- ix. Mary, *b.* 29th September, 1653; *m.* 4th April, 1678, Samuel PAINE.

LIEUTENANT SAMUEL PENNIMAN, son of James and Lydia, *b.* 14th November, 1645; he was admitted as Freeman, 1678; by occupation "cordwinder;" Lieutenant; appraiser of Thomas Faxon's estate, 26th April, 1694; of estate of John Mills, 7th November, 1695; he *d.* intestate, 16th January, 1704-1705. Joseph PENNIMAN and Joseph PARMENTER, administrators, 2d February, 1704-1705. (Suff. Prob., 15: 478); *m.* 6th January, 1673-1674, Elizabeth PARMENTER, dau. of Robert and Leah PARMENTER, and gd. dau. of Martin SANDERS, who (Martin) *d.* July, 1658; Robert PARMENTER was a deacon of the First Church in Braintree.

#### ISSUE

- i. Elizabeth, *b.* January, 1674-1675; *m.* 8th November, 1699, Joshua MORSE of Medfield.
- ii. Samuel, *b.* 15th March, 1675-1676; *d.* in infancy.
- iii. Samuel, *b.* 5th November, 1677; *m.* 14th May, 1707, Ellen PAINE,
- iv. Josiah, *b.* 21st November, 1678; *d.* 29th November, 1678.
- v. Hannah, *b.* 12th February, 1682-1683.
- vi. Jonathan, *b.* 12th February, 1682-1683.
- vii. James, *b.* 29th March, 1695.
- viii. NATHAN, *b.* March, 1689, of whom below.

NATHAN PENNIMAN, of Mendon, Massachusetts, *b.* March, 1689; *m.* 5th December, 1716, Mary FARNUM.

#### ISSUE

- i. SAMUEL (Lieutenant), *b.* 11th October, 1717, of whom later.
- ii. Jonathan, *b.* 30th July, 1719.
- iii. Nathan, *b.* 8th May, 1721.
- iv. Ann, *b.* 23d October, 1723.
- v. Peter, *b.* 11th September, 1728.

LIEUT. SAMUEL PENNIMAN, of Mendon, Massachusetts, *b.* 11th October, 1717; *d.* 7th October, 1807; *m.* (firstly) Huldah WHITE, 3d December, 1741, *d.* July, 1769; *m.* (secondly) Mrs. Deborah TAFT, 25th October, 1770; *b.* 4th November, 1734, *d.* 2d April, 1797; *m.* (thirdly) Mrs. Sarah ALBEE, previously widow BUGBEE, maiden name Sarah GORE, 1799. (Milford and Mendon Records.)



## ISSUE BY FIRST MARRIAGE

- I. William.
- II. Huldah.
- III. Silence.
- IV. ELIAS, *b.* 1st December, 1748, of whom later.
- V. Nathan.
- VI. Phineas.
- VII. Mary.

## ISSUE BY SECOND MARRIAGE

- I. Samuel, *b.* 24th June, 1773.
- II. James, *b.* 28th January, 1777.

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DOCTOR ELIAS PENNIMAN of Mendon and Hardwick, Massachusetts, *b.* Mendon, Massachusetts, 1st December, 1748; *d.* 9th February, 1830, in Hardwick; graduated at Brown University, 1774; *m.* 8th December, 1773, Ann JENKS, dau. of Capt. Ebenezer JENKS of Providence, Rhode Island.

## ISSUE

- 1791
- I. CHIRON, *b.* Milford, Massachusetts, 8th January, 1775, of whom later.
  - II. Obadiah, *b.* Milford, 1st November, 1776; *d.* Troy, New York, 14th September, 1820; a publisher and bookseller.
  - III. William.
  - IV. Sylvanus Jenks (see "Annals of Albany," vol. 4, p. 439).
  - V. John Ritto, *b.* Milford, 30th January, 1783; *d.* New York; he was a portrait painter.
  - VII. Polly (see Mendon and Hardwick Records).

CHIRON PENNIMAN, *b.* Milford, Massachusetts, 8th January, 1775; *m.* 30th November, 1796, Olive WHIPPLE, dau. of Samuel WHIPPLE; Chiron *d.* in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, before 22d October, 1815, at which time his widow Olive presented for baptism in Hardwick, Massachusetts.

## ISSUE

- I. John Ritto.
- II. Elias.
- III. Anson Whipper.
- IV. OBADIAH, was an older son, *b.* 1797, of whom below.

OBADIAH PENNIMAN, *b.* 1797, Milford, Massachusetts; *d.* 13th September, 1836, Cincinnati, Ohio; *m.* 29th January, 1829, Marian Chandler LANMAN, *b.* 7th September, 1797, *d.* 31st October, 1851. She was the dau. of Judge James LANMAN of Norwich, Connecticut, *b.* 14th June, 1769; graduated at Yale, 1788, *d.* 7th August, 1841,

and Marian CHANDLER, *b.* 29th July, 1774, *d.* 7th September, 1817, *m.* 18th May, 1794. Marian CHANDLER was the dau. of Judge Charles Church CHANDLER of Woodstock, Connecticut, *b.* 1746, *d.* 8th August, 1787, and Marian GRISWOLD, *b.* 1750, *d.* 1829. Marian GRISWOLD was the dau. of Gov. Matthew GRISWOLD and his wife Ursula WOLCOTT, the dau. of Gov. Roger WOLCOTT of Connecticut (see CHANDLER Family).

#### ISSUE

- I. JAMES LANMAN, *b.* 9th July, 1832; *d.* 2d August, 1890, of whom below.

JAMES LANMAN PENNIMAN, only child of Obadiah and Marian Chandler, *b.* 9th July, 1832, Cincinnati, Ohio; *d.* 2d August, 1890, Philadelphia; *m.* 17th August, 1859, Maria Davis HOSMER, *b.* 1st February, 1830, Concord, Massachusetts; *d.* 15th January, 1914, Philadelphia, dau. of Abel Hosmer and Olive Parlin DAVIS, of Concord, Massachusetts. James Lanman PENNIMAN graduated from Yale, A.B., 1853; A.M., 1855.

- I. James Hosmer PENNIMAN, *b.* 8th November, 1860.
- II. Josiah Harmar PENNIMAN, *b.* 20th July, 1868.

*Arms.*—Gules, a chevron, ermine between three half spears broken, the staff, or, and iron, argent.

*Crest.*—In a mural crown, gules, a lion's head erased or, pierced through the neck with a broken spear, as in arms.

*Motto.*—Fortiter et Fideliter.













